

Technical Update

for Municipal Drinking Water Systems

Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards

The standards for drinking water quality in Ontario are now prescribed in O. Reg. 169/03 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*.

This regulation replaces the standards contained in the former drinking water regulations (O. Reg. 459/00 and O. Reg. 505/01) which have now been replaced by the Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O. Reg. 170/03).

O. Reg. 169/03 prescribes standards for 161 chemical/physical, microbiological and radiological parameters.

Background and supporting information to the standards can be found in *Technical Support Document for Ontario Drinking Water Standards, Objectives and Guidelines* (formerly known as the Ontario Drinking Water Standards) available on the ministry's Web site at www.ene.gov.on.ca.

Supporting documentation for the standards is also available from Health Canada at <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hecs-sesc/water/dwgsup.htm>

The regulation includes four new or revised standards. There are new standards for antimony, bromate and microcystin-LR, while the uranium standard has been revised to a lower, more stringent limit.

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